



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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February 23rd to March 1st, 2025



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25

David does not kill Saul.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103

A song in praise of God's mercy

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

As we bear the image of Adam, so we will bear the image of the one from heaven.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the [Beatitudes](#). Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

Sunday Connection thru Diocese Bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to Noon

St Paul's Catholic Church Events & News

TIA per month to meet goal - \$2 646.58	Monthly: CF Loan (mortgage) - \$11 411.00	Monthly: Diocesan Support \$4 594.00
Income for Dec – 80 319.31	Expenses for Dec – 51 646.73	Income – 28 672.58
YTD Income – 621 187.21	YTD Expenses – 599 429.38	Income – 21 757.83
	Insurance per month - \$3 424.69	

Full finances can be found online and, in the hallway, under the parish bulletin board.

CWL

Please support CWL Purdy's fundraiser.
Click on the link below to place your order.
- <https://fundraising.purdys.com/2110110-126232>
Order deadline: Mar 23rd, 2025.
Order pickup: April 5th, 2025
Thank you for your support.

KofC Airdrie Dream Vacation

Did you know that when you buy a ticket; you support 35 charities, you have a 1 in 10 chance of winning, you can win multiple times as your winning ticket is returned to the prize drum, including the early birds. There are 87 prizes, there are only 600 tickets printed, you can buy online at airdriedreamvacation.ca or at the store card table, for the major prizes you can take the trip or 80% of the cash value (\$2000) .Get yours today.

Volunteers needed to lead the Rosary prior to all weekend Masses. Signup sheet outside the office.

Need the Anointing of the Sick while in a Calgary Hospital?

If you have been admitted to any of Calgary's hospitals and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you can contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at **403-231-9505**. This service is available for Alberta Children's Hospital, Foothills Hospital, Peter Lougheed Hospital, Rockyview General Hospital, and South Health Campus.

Japanese interpreter for an RCIA catechumen needed.

Attendance at the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies and the Easter Vigil. Does not have to attend weekly meetings
Please contact: cpetek@shaw

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions
Sunday	Feb 23	9:00am	PRO POPULO
		11:00am	RS - John Healy
Monday	24		No Mass
Tuesday	25	12:00noon	RS - Akouassi Lucienne N'Guessan
Wednesday	26	9:00am	RS - Marcella Schwenk
Thursday	27	6:30pm	SI - Kristel Nathan
Friday	28	9:00am	RS - Ryan Fitzgerald
		10:30am	RS - Mercedes Obando
Saturday	Mar 1	5:00pm	RS - Joanne Cochrane

DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday	Feb 23	8:20 to 8:45am	9am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
		10:15 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
		1:00 to 3:00pm	Altar Server Training	Nave
		5:00pm	Filipino Mass with Fr. Domingo	Nave
Monday	24	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
		9:30 to 11:30pm	Office	VoMR
Tuesday	25	9:00am	Men's Bible Study followed by Coffee	VoMR & Hall
		10:00 to 11:45am	Mom's Group	Basement
		10:45am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:00pm	CWL Executive Meeting	VoMR
Wednesday	26	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		6:30pm	Liturgy Meeting	Nave
Thursday	27	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:00pm	RCIA	VoMR
		7:10pm	Armor of God	Hall
Friday	28	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		6:30 to 8:00pm	Youth Ministry	Hall
Saturday	Mar 1	9:30 to 11:30am	Altar Server Training	Nave
		3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation	
		4:10 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.

ASH WEDNESDAY, a day of Abstinence and Fasting, is March 5th with Mass at 9:00am and 7:00pm

St Paul's Catholic Church Ministries & Sacraments



BAPTISMS – Registration and program details are currently available and done online only through our parish website

[Sacrament of Baptism for Infants/Children/Youth – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

2025 Baptism Dates: Saturday, Mar 1st

May 17th, Jun 7th, Jul 5th, Aug 16th after 5pm Mass

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCHARIST) COMMUNION

[Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#) Mar 12, 6:30pm OR Mar 15, 10am

CONFIRMATION CLOSED

[Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

Classes Mar 11th. Apr 1st from 6:30 to 8:00pm

Retreat April 5th from 10:00 to 12:00noon.

Confirmation rehearsal date May 13th at 6:30pm in the Nave.

Confirmation date May 22nd at 7:00pm

Parents are required to attend with their young person to classes which start in January.

RCIA – For more information please contact the parish office and the RCIA Coordinator will contact you with details and information on this ongoing program. Sessions start Sep 5th at 7:00pm in the hall.

[Becoming Catholic as an Adult – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation or RCIA please contact Heidi at stpaulssacraments@shaw.ca

MARRIAGES – Please contact the office at least six months before your marriage date.

[Marriage – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding marriages, please contact Wanda at stpaulsairdrie@shaw.ca

HOLY ORDERS

[Holy Orders – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

[Anointing of the Sick – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

PASTORAL CARE St. Paul's offers Pastoral Care visits for Catholic Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Please contact the office if you or someone you know, would like a visit. Pastoral Care workers are trained for visiting and praying with the ill, shut in and offering the Body of Christ to them.

St Paul's Youth Ministry 'Sentinels of Christ'

We're excited to welcome the youth (ages 12 - 17yrs) of St Paul's Airdrie for a fun filled evening on Friday Feb 28th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Please register your child by scanning the QR code below using your phone, no later than Mon Feb 24th.



Season of Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes.

During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God.

The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners. (ORDO)

2024 Donation Receipts for Income Tax Purposes are ready for pickup. Please stop by the parish and pick up your receipt to help us save on mailing costs.

2025 Donation Receipts will be emailed, please ensure the office has your correct email address.

WORKSHOP

“Getting Dressed for Battle” – Understanding the Armor of God
Come explore the unique significance of the six pieces of spiritual armor in Ephesians 6, and be empowered to stand boldly in the power and authority you were made for. You will learn:

- Why knowing your identity is so important
- How the enemy strategically attacks
- The importance of Prayer and Action

Thursday, February 27th after 6:30pm mass
St. Paul's Parish - Airdrie

Presenter – Jackie Erskine

Register at erskinejackie@gmail.com

Hosted by the Social & Fundraising Committee

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

LIMITED TICKETS!!!

* Adult \$10/3 pancakes

Includes Assorted Berries, Coffee/Tea

* Child (under 12 yrs) \$5/2 pancakes

Includes Assorted Berries, Juice Box

Ticket sales after all masses on Feb 22nd (Saturday) & Feb 23rd (Sunday). This is a ticketed event!!!



Christian Young Professionals (20's to 40's) Silent Retreat. This Silent Retreat for Christian Young Professionals is an opportunity to unplug and disconnect from our busy lives, and experience the beauty in resting in silence, as we engage in personal reflection, prayer and meditation. The weekend will also include reflective talks and short supports to guide you in your silent reflection/prayer/meditation time | **THEME:** Pilgrims of Hope | **When:** May 9 to 11, 2025 | **Where:** Mount St. Francis Retreat Center (41160 Retreat Road, Cochrane AB) | [To REGISTER & for full details CLICK HERE](#) |

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT PARISH INFORMATION www.stpaulsairdrie.ca

St. Paul's Catholic Church Information

MASS REGULAR TIMES:

Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday - 11:00 am
Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 12:00 pm
Wednesday - 9:00 am
Thursday - 6:30pm
Friday - 9:00 am
Saturday - 5:00 pm

ADORATION:

First Friday of the month
Following the 9:00am Mass
9:30am to 5:30pm

RECONCILIATION:

Thursdays 6:00 - 6:25pm
Saturdays 3:45 - 4:45 pm
First Friday of month 9:30 - 10:30
or by appointment.

*New to Airdrie and
to our parish community,
please fill in our Welcome Form
found in the hallway or go to link
[Newcomers - St. Paul's Catholic
Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://Newcomers - St. Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca))*

*St. Paul's offers
a Direct Deposit or Credit Card
option for making donations. Tax Receipt
provided in February. Please pick up a
brochure in the parish hallway or go to link
[2020 09 revised BLANK Parish Automatic
Withdrawal.pdf \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://2020 09 revised BLANK Parish Automatic Withdrawal.pdf (stpaulsairdrie.ca))*



For one-time offerings you may also go to
<https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatetoparish>
and select St. Paul's Church.
Tax receipt will be issued from the Diocese.

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immerse you in testimonies, teachings,
and stories to support and deepen your
commitment to the
Diocese of Calgary's Pastoral Renewal.
[Click here for the full list](#)

Catholic Pastoral Centre

120 - 17th Ave SW, Calgary, AB
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Phone: 403-218-5500
www.catholicyc.ca



Catholic Women's League

For more information,
please see their website
[St. Paul's CWL, Airdrie
\(stpaulscwl.ca\)](http://St. Paul's CWL, Airdrie (stpaulscwl.ca))



Knights of Columbus

For information, please see their website
[Airdrie Council #8045 \(uknight.org\)](http://Airdrie Council #8045 (uknight.org))
Store cards are available
after all weekend Masses.

**TO LIVESTREAM SATURDAY 5:00 PM MASS SEE OUR
YOUTUBE CHANNEL <https://www.youtube.com/c/stpaulsairdrie>
OR CHANNEL 877 WITH TELUS OPTIK TV**